## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-7 as set forth in the attached listing of claims. The listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Currently Amended) The <u>double-covered yarn of claim 9</u>

  Lycra Soft yarn double covered with nylon yarn of claim 1, wherein the said nylon <u>high speed textured</u> yarn is nylon 70D/24F/1 high speed textured yarn.
  - 3. (Canceled)
  - 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Currently Amended) The <u>double-covered yarn of claim 8</u> double covered Lycra Soft yarn of claim 1, wherein <u>said first yarn</u> covering is wound using a S-twist and said second yarn covering is <u>wound using a Z-twist</u> the double covering is carried out by S twist for the first covering and by Z twist by the second covering.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The <u>double-covered yarn of claim 8</u> double covered Lycra Soft yarn of claim 1, wherein <u>said first yarn</u> covering is wound using a Z-twist and said second yarn covering is

wound using a S-twist the double covering is carried out by Z twist for the first covering and by S twist by the second covering.

- 7. (Canceled)
- 8. (New) A double-covered yarn comprising:
  - a core spandex yarn;

a first yarn covering wound around said core spandex yarn, wherein said first yarn covering comprises one of the following yarns:

- a nylon high speed textured yarn;
- a filament yarn;
- a polyamide yarn;
- a polyester yarn; or
- a polypropylene yarn;

a second yarn covering wound around said first yarn covering and said core spandex yarn, wherein said second yarn covering comprises the same material as said first yarn covering, and said second yarn covering is wound in the opposite direction as said first yarn covering.

- 9. (New) The double-covered yarn of claim 8, wherein said first yarn covering is a nylon high speed textured yarn.
- 10. (New) The double-covered yarn of claim 9, wherein the core spandex yarn comprises a polyurethane based 520 denier yarn.
- 11. (New) The double-covered yarn of claim 8, wherein the core spandex yarn comprises a polyurethane based 520 denier yarn.

- 12. (New) The double-covered yarn of claim 2, wherein the core spandex yarn comprises a polyurethane based 520 denier yarn.
- 13. (New) The double-covered yarn of claim 9, wherein said first yarn covering is wound using a S-twist and said second yarn covering is wound using a Z-twist.
- 14. (New) The double-covered yarn of claim 2, wherein said first yarn covering is wound using a S-twist and said second yarn covering is wound using a Z-twist.
- 15. (New) The double-covered yarn of claim 9, wherein said first yarn covering is wound using a Z-twist and said second yarn covering is wound using a S-twist.
- 16. (New) The double-covered yarn of claim 2, wherein said first yarn covering is wound using a Z-twist and said second yarn covering is wound using a S-twist.